resources, the work on the bye-Pass which is 34-25 kms. long is being executed in phases. The position of the work in different sections is as **under** :

Section	Date of sanction	Present status
Section I— Km. 0 to 6/120	December 1979	Completed.
Section IIA— Km. 6/120 to 9/480	December 1983	Do.
Section **IIB—** Km.9/480 to 14/360	March 1985	1 ■ 69 Km. opened to traffic during 1989. 3-19 Km. is proposed to be opened to traffic in March, 1990.
Section IIC— Km. 14/360 to 22/00	March 1989	Target date of completion March, 1992.
Section III— Km. 22/00 to 27/420	March 1989	Do.
Section IVA— Km. 27/420 to 29/800	Decembr 1989	Sanctioned recently. Target date of completion is March, 1993.
Section IVB- Km. 29/800 to 34/250	February 1988	35% progress achieved. Target date of completion is December, 1991.

(c) No, Sir.

Comparative assistance from USA to Pakistan and India

1085. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the U.S. has given to Pakistan an assistance amounting to $ 564 million out of which $ 230 million is for military purpose whereas India has been given only $ 93 million without any military assistance;

(b) whether Government have taken up with US the matter of such heavy military assistance which will enhance Pakistan's threat to India; if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) if the answer to (b) is negative, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) Yes, Sir. Government is aware that US assistance to Pakistan is $ 587 million out of which $ 230 million is for military purpose, for FY 89-90.

(b) The GOI have repeatedly brought to the attention of the US Administration India's serious concern over the supply of sophisticated weapons to Pakistan beyond that country's legitimate defence requirements.

(c) Does not arise.

Lesser attention to patriotic songs and programmes on TY and Radio

1086. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased *to state:*

(a) whether it is a fact that patriotic songs and programmes get a lesser time on Doordarshan and Radio as compared to other sundry programmes like feature films, film lyrics, dance and drama;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of time devoted in patriotic programmes on the whole in a month; and

(c) whether Government propose to reschedule and redesign the Doordarshan and Radio programmes to ensure greater time to patriotic theme?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA) : (a) No Sir. Patriotic songs and programmes are adequately covered by Doordarshan and Radio. Patriotic theme is a major criteria in the selection and broadcast of programmes.

(b) Such information is not kept centrally in a compiled form.

(c) The rescheduling and redesigning of the programmes of All India Radio and Doordarshan is done on a continuing basis keeping in view national priority, the viewer's/listener's interest and communication needs.

Pollution free battery propelled public transport

1087. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have experimented with the use of battery propelled public conveyance to eradicate the pollution in Delhi caused by public transport;

(b) If so, what is the outcome of such experiments; and

(c) whether Government propose to take up this project on large scale and use/introduce pollution free public transport system in all metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) to (c) Delhi Energy Development Agency (DEDA) has been operating 101 battery-operated vehicles in Delhi, as an experimental demonstration programme. These vehicles ply on different routes from 5 charging stations. These vehicles have a limited range after each recharge and are also prone to breakdowns due to overloading. There is no proposal at present to introduce such projects in other metropolitan cities.

Meeting of Newsprint Advisory Committee

1088. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of Newsprint Advisory Committee has been held at New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, what are the details of discussions held;

(c) whether some suggestions have been received by Government during the meeting;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government proposes to take to implement such suggestions ?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROARCASTUNG AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. Dtails of discussions held, suggestions received during the meeting and action proposed to be taken are contained in the Annexure,